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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-32

Date: May 11, 2007

**Interstate Brands Corporation Issues Recall of Mispackaged Hostess Mini Pound
Cake Bearing Code Date MAY 28 53 122; Product May Contain Walnuts**

Kansas City, MO - Interstate Brands Corporation (IBC) is recalling the 3.25 oz. individual snack packages of Hostess® Mini Pound Cake with the code date of May 28 53 122, UPC #4500041159 due to a packaging error. It has been found that some Mini Pound Cake packages may in fact contain Hostess® Carrot Cake which is made with walnuts. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to walnuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume Hostess® Carrot Cake.

The recalled product has been distributed to retail stores throughout the states of Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and portions of Missouri, Arkansas and Texas. The recall only covers Hostess® Mini Pound Cake with the code date of May 28 53 122.

The company learned of the error when a consumer in Michigan reported an allergic reaction to walnuts in the improperly packaged Hostess® Mini Pound Cake. One allergic reaction has been reported to date. No other Hostess® snack cake products are part of the recall, including Hostess® Carrot Cake 100 Calorie Packs, and there is no health risk for consumers who are not allergic to walnuts.

The code date of May 28 53 122 is printed on the center of the package just above the Hostess® Mini Pound Cake name and logo. Hostess® Carrot Cake can be identified through the clear film packaging by its white cream cheese icing. Hostess® Mini Pound Cake does not have icing.

Consumers that purchased the May 28 53 122 code dates of Hostess® Mini Pound Cake may return the product to the store where purchased for a full refund. Consumers with questions about the recall should call 1-800-483-7253.